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1. Gustavo Becerra, who is in charge of the intelligence activities of the Central Committee of the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (PCE), has completed an investigation to determine the amount of pressure brought to bear by the United States on the Ecuadoran government to outlaw the Communist Party. An analysis of the information submitted by Party contacts and informers within the government led Becerra to conclude that in no instance had the American authorities initiated any action or influenced the local authorities against the Communists.
2. The announcement of his conclusions caused consternation among Ecuadoran Communist leaders who consider it strange that the Americans should have remained neutral in Ecuador when according to Communist reports they have interfered in other Latin American countries.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] Comment: The above confirms previous reports concerning Communist penetration of the Ecuadoran government. Although many of the leaders of the Plaza administration are anti-Communist, it is believed that the administration is not stable enough to take open measure against the activities of the Communist Party.

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